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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Lewis, et al.

Serial No.: 09/521,593 Examiner: Dorvil, Richemond  
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For: METHOD FOR GUIDING TEXT-TO-SPEECH OUTPUT TIMING  
USING SPEECH RECOGNITION MARKERS

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed July 8, 2002 (Office Action), please amend the claims and specification of the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the entire Abstract and replace therewith the following text: --A method for guiding text-to-speech output timing with speech recognition markers can include the following steps. First, tokens can be retrieved in a TTS system. The tokens can include words, phrase markers, punctuation marks and meta-tags. Second, phrase markers can be identified among the retrieved tokens. Third, words can be identified among the retrieved tokens. Fourth, the TTS system can TTS play back the identified words. Finally, during the TTS playback of the words, the TTS system can pause in response to the identification of the phrase markers.--

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